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SUBJ: LECTURER EXCHANGE

1. CULTURAL COUNSELOR SAKOVICH MET WITH DEPT AT HIS REQUEST TO DISCUSS LECTURER EXCHANGE. SAKOVICH CONFIRMED THAT SEVEN US CANDIDATES HAD BEEN ACCEPTED AND BIRKS REJECTED WITH NO EXPLANATION OFFERED.

2. SAKOVICH WAS GIVEN INFORMATION ALREADY PASSED TO MINED BY EMB THAT FOUR SOVIET CANDIDATES (IBRAGIMOV, PETROV, KUSKOV, AND SAROBYANOV) HAD BEEN ACCEPTED, THAT SAKHAROV HAD BEEN REJECTED BY U PENN DUE TO INSUFFICIENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION, AND THAT KONDRATYEV HAD BEEN REJECTED BECAUSE THERE WAS NO US UNIVERSITY OPENING IN ATMOSPHERIC PHYSICS. FYI: IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT SOVIETS STILL DO NOT UNDERSTAND THIS EXCHANGE. SAKOVICH COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY KONDRATYEV COULD NOT BE PLACED SINCE HE IS WELL-KNOWN AND WELL-QUALIFIED. END FYI.

3. DEPT INFORMED SAKOVICH THAT ZASURSKY WOULD BE GIVEN EVERY CONSIDERATION ONCE WE GOT RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION.

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MATION. SAKOVICH SAID ZASURSKY WAS WELL-KNOWN, HEAD OF

JOURNALISM FACULTY, AND HAD BEEN TO US BEFORE.

4. SAKOVICH EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT RECIPROCITY. SINCE AT LEAST TWO MORE US LECTURERS ACCEPTED THAN SOVIET, HE SEEMED EAGER TO GET MORE SOVIET NOMINATIONS FOR SECOND SEMESTER SO IMBALANCE COULD BE CORRECTED. WE ASSURED HIM THAT ALTHOUGH NOMINATIONS WERE LATE, WE AND US UNIVERSITIES WOULD CONSIDER THEM. WE SAID THAT FULL DATA WOULD BE NEEDED FOR SUCCESSFUL PLACEMENT.

5. SAKOVICH SAID THAT SHOVER HAD BEEN ACCEPTED FOR MONTHS MARCH AND APRIL. CONFIRM. WE INFORMED SAKOVICH THAT SOVIETS HAVE NOT CONFIRMED ARRIVAL DATES FOR LECTURERS BEYOND SAROBYANOV'S ACCEPTANCE FOR FEBRUARY.

6. DWYER HAS ACCEPTED 2 OR 3 MONTH APPOINTMENT IN NOVOSIBIRSK OVER DONYETSK, HOWEVER, HE IS WILLING TO GIVE WEEK OR SO OF LECTURES AT DONYETSK EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER NOVOSIBIRSK IF SOVIETS AGREEABLE.

7. MUAN WILL NOT BE ACCOMPANIED BY FAMILY. HE ASKS IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO LIVE IN APARTMENT AT MGU. ADVISE ASAP.

8. DATA SHEETS RECEIVED ON IBRAGIMOV AND PETROV. ROGERS

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